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## RUTLAND RAILWAY CORPORATION

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RUTLAND, VERMONT, Nov. 18, 1952

My dear Allan:

I enjoyed our brief talk the other day very much indeed and am more than glad that your Iranian experience fits in with my thought.

When you consider that Alexander the Great, Cyrus and Darius, while great in their day, left only a fleeting impression on Iran and today the ruins at Persepolis stand in mute testimony of the transitory nature of their deeds - had they recognized the importance of water and devoted their energies to works conserving that precious asset, such as have been recently undertaken by Alexander Gibb and others, how much better would be the situation in Iran today.

I am firmly convinced that history will repeat itself in Russia and that there may be an opportunity to impress upon the rulers of the Soviet the importance of long range thinking and of devotion of their efforts to irrigation and water conservation, rather than to military might, that will in the long run be to their enduring advantage.

I am sure your associate who has ties in Vermont realizes the previous value of adequate water supply.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Conrad Presover*

Mr. Allan Dulles

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Caspian -- North less than one part per thousand

South, 13 to 15 parts per thousand

Black -- N & NE one part per thousand

S, 20 parts per thousand

Bosporus & Dardanelles -- N, 19 parts per thousand

S, 30 parts per thousand

Mediterranean -- 37 to 39 parts per thousand

Atlantic -- 35 parts per thousand

Great Salt Lake -- 240 parts per thousand

all of these are surface salinity averages

other

much less salinity when/rivers enter

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Re water table - spoke with hydrologist - no weight

in theory of lowering of table - ways of

controlling reduction